**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM**

**PRESENT :**

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI**

**TUESDAY, THE 11TH DECEMBER 2007 / 20TH AGRAHAYANA 1929**

**WP(C).No. 36407 of 2007(H)**
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**PETITIONER:**
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1. **G.ALEXANDER, S/O. GEORGE, AGED 59 YEARS, RETIRED FERRYMAN, ROADS SECTION, AMBALAPUZHA, RESIDING AT RANNIPARAMBIL, PARUMALA P.O., THIKKAPUZHA, MANNAR, ALAPPUZHA.**

2. **XAVIER VARGHESE, S/O. VARGHESE, AGED 64 YEARS, RETIRED FERRYMAN, ROADS SECTION, AMBALAPUZHA, RESIDING AT KAMUDU DALAM, URIKARI P.O., RAMANKARY, ALAPPUZHA.**

**BY ADV. SRI.C.A.CHACKO**
**SMT.C.M.CHARISMA**
**SRI.N.A.SHAFEEK**

**RESPONDENTS:**
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1. **STATE OF KERALA, REP. BY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

2. **THE CHIEF ENGINEER, P.W.D. ADMINISTRATION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

3. **THE ASST. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D., ROADS SUB DIVISION, ALAPPUZHA.**

4. **THE ASST. ENGINEER, ROADS SECTION, AMBALAPUZHA.**

**BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.BEJOY CHANDRAN**

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 11/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:**

**V.GIRI,J.**

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**W.P ( C) No. 36407 of 2007**

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**Dated this the 11th December, 2007**

**J U D G M E N T**

Petitioners while working as Ferrymen under the 4th respondent retired from service on 30.4.2003 and 30.4.1998 respectively. They contend that under Exhibit-P1 Government order annual increment was sanctioned to all seasonal employees under the work establishment of Public Works Department provided they had been employed for not less than six months continuously in an year. According to the petitioners, they should have been granted a Time Bound Higher Grade taking into account their service as seasonal ferrymen also. They have submitted Exhibits P6 and P7 in this regard is pending before the 1st respondent.

After having heard the learned Government Pleader also, this writ petition is disposed of directing the 1st respondent to look into Exhibits P6 and P7 and take a decision thereon, within three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. The 1st respondent shall take note of Exhibits P1 Government Order and Exhibit-P5 while deciding the question of the petitioners' eligibility.

(V.GIRI, JUDGE)

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K.THANKAPPAN,J

CRL.A. NO.92 OF 1999

ORDER

25th May, 2007